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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJECT: BRIEFING ON SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP

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1. I GAVE FOREIGN SECRETARY ROEL A DETAILED BRIEFING ON THIS SUBJECT THIS MORNING, AUGUST 22. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WAS VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE BRIEFING AND APPRECIATIVE OF THE SECRETARY'S WILLINGNESS TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO HIM.
2. ON THE SUBSTANCE, HIS GENERAL REACTION WAS ONE OF SYMPATHY FOR THE ENORMOUS COMPLEXITY OF THIS PROBLEM ON WHICH THE SECRETARY IS TRYING SO HARD TO MAKE PROGRESS.
3. ON SPECIFICS, ROEL REACTED ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:
4. HE EXPRESSED RESIGNED UNDERSTANDING AND REGRET AT THE NEWS THAT THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT NARROWING OF DIFFERENCES ON THE ISSUES OF WITHDRAWAL AND BORDERS AND THE NATURE OF THE PALESTINIAN SETTLEMENT.
5. HE EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SCEPTICISM AT THE POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING A UNIFIED ARAB DELEGATION TO INCLUDE

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THE PALESTINIANS.

6. WHEN TOLD THAT EGYPT CONTINUED TO BE SCEPTICAL ABOUT THIS, ROEL REMARKED THAT HE THOUGHT SADAT WAS HIGHLY REALISTIC.
7. ON THE QUESTION OF US DIRECT OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH

THE PLO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY STRONGLY ENDORSED THE POSITION TAKEN BY SECRETARY VANCE. HE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR IRRITATION WITH THE REFUSAL OF THE PLO "WHICH DOES NOT EXIST" TO ACCEPT THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO EXIST.

8. ROEL EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS AT THE FOREIGN SECRETARY LEVEL IN NEW YORK AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

9. SECRETARY ROEL WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF ISRAELI ACTIONS WITH REGARD TO SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN THE FACE OF A WELL-KNOWN UNITED STATES POSITION. IN THIS CONNECTION HE INDICATED CONSIDERABLE MISTRUST OF PRIME MINISTER BEGIN. THOMPSON

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